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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 2:23-mj-00918-NJK

9 Plaintiff,

**Stipulation to Extend Deadlines  
to Conduct Preliminary Hearing and  
File Indictment (First Request)**

10 v.  
11 JUAN MARTIN LUNA MORELOS,  
aka "Juan Martin Luna,"

12 Defendant.

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15 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Jason M.  
16 Frierson, United States Attorney, and Justin Washburne, Assistant United States Attorney,  
17 counsel for the United States of America, and Raquel Lazo, Assistant Federal Public  
18 Defender, counsel for Defendant JUAN MARTIN LUNA MORELOS that the Court  
19 schedule the preliminary hearing in this case for no earlier than 45 days from the date of the  
20 filing of this stipulation. The preliminary hearing is currently set for November 6th at  
21 4:00pm. This request requires that the Court extend two deadlines: (1) that a preliminary  
22 hearing be conducted within 14 days of a detained defendant's initial appearance, *see* Fed.

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1 R. Crim. P. 5.1(c); and (2) that an information or indictment be filed within 30 days of a  
2 defendant's arrest, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b).

3 This stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

4 1. The United States Attorney's Office has developed an early disposition  
5 program for immigration cases, authorized by the Attorney General pursuant to the  
6 PROTECT ACT of 2003, Pub. L. 108-21.

7 2. The early disposition program for immigration cases is designed to: (1) reduce  
8 the number of hearings required in order to dispose of a criminal case; (2) avoid having  
9 more cases added to the court's trial calendar, while still discharging the government's duty  
10 to prosecute federal crimes; (3) reduce the amount of time between complaint and  
11 sentencing; and (4) avoid adding significant time to the grand jury calendar to seek  
12 indictments in immigration cases, which in turn reduces court costs.

13 3. The government has made a plea offer in this case that requires defendant to  
14 waive specific rights and hearings in exchange for "fast-track" downward departure under  
15 USSG § 5K3.1. This offer will be withdrawn if it is not timely accepted before this matter is  
16 indicted and before a preliminary hearing is held.

17 4. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(c), the Court "must hold the  
18 preliminary hearing within a reasonable time, but no later than 14 days after the initial  
19 appearance if the defendant is in custody . . . ."

20 5. However, under Rule 5.1(d), "[w]ith the defendant's consent and upon a  
21 showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
22 criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time limits in Rule 5.1(c) one or more  
23 times . . . ."

1       6. Furthermore, under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), “[a]ny  
2 information or indictment charging an individual with the commission of an offense shall be  
3 filed within thirty days from the date on which such individual was arrested or served with a  
4 summons in connection with such charges.”

5       7. Defendant needs additional time to review the discovery and investigate  
6 potential defenses to make an informed decision as to how to proceed, including whether to  
7 accept the fast-track plea agreement.

8       8. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court schedule the  
9 preliminary hearing in this case no sooner than 75 days from today’s date.

10       9. Defendant is in custody and agrees to the extension of the 14-day deadline  
11 imposed by Rule 5.1(c) and waives any right to remedies under Rule 5.1(c) or 18 U.S.C.  
12 § 3161(b), provided that the information or indictment is filed on or before the date ordered  
13 pursuant to this stipulation.

14       10. The parties agree to the extension of that deadline.

15       11. This extension supports the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
16 criminal cases by permitting defendant to consider entering into a plea agreement under the  
17 United States Attorney’s Office’s fast-track program for § 1326 defendants.

18       12. Accordingly, the additional time requested by this stipulation is allowed  
19 under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(d).

20       13. In addition, the parties stipulate and agree that the time between today and  
21 the scheduled preliminary hearing is excludable in computing the time within which the  
22 defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence pursuant to the Speedy  
23 Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), considering the factors under 18 U.S.C.  
24 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv).

14. This is the first request for an extension of the deadlines by which to conduct the preliminary hearing and to file an indictment.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Federal Public Defender

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/s/ Raquel Lazo  
Assistant Federal Public Defender  
Counsel for Defendant  
JUAN MARTIN LUNA MORELOS

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Plaintiff,

V.

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**[Proposed] Order on Stipulation  
to Extend Deadlines to Conduct  
Preliminary Hearing and File  
Indictment**

Defendant.

Based on the stipulation of counsel, good cause appearing, and the best interest of  
the person being served; the time requested by this stipulation being excludable in computing  
the time within which the defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence  
in accordance to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), and Federal Rule of  
Criminal Procedure 5.1, considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv):

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the preliminary hearing currently scheduled on November 6th, 2023 at the hour of 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued to 4:00 p.m. on December 13, 2023, in Courtroom 3C.

DATED this 25th day of October, 2023.

HONORABLE NANCY J. KOPPE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE